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Spec. 4.01.2 Politics of
Heroin in SE Asia

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CIA 4.01 Drug Traffic

▶ HARPER & ROW TURNS THUMBS DOWN ON THE CIA

After considerable soul-searching, Harper & Row decided to let the Central Intelligence Agency see page proofs of Alfred W. McCoy's controversial book "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia," which had been slated for publication September 13 (see PW July 31), and gave the agency a time-limit of seven calendar days to list "factual" corrections in writing. According to Brooks Thomas, Harper vice-president and general counsel, the CIA weighed in just before deadline with 10 pages of objections to the book, which alleges that U.S. government personnel -- including a number of CIA agents -- turned a blind eye to wide-open drug traffic in Southeast Asia. Mr. Thomas said Harper & Row gave careful consideration to the CIA's objections and is printing the book. The publication date has been moved up to August 28, and bound copies should be in the hands of the reviewers Tuesday, August 8. /